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Animal Fact Sheet

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Quagga

Equus quagga quagga

The quagga was a unique subspecies of the plains zebra that inhabited South Africa's grasslands. Notable for its distinct coat, the quagga's front half had bold zebra stripes while its hindquarters w…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Equidae
Habitat: Grassland
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Extinct
Lifespan: 20-30 years (estimated, in the wild)
Weight: 250-300 kg
Scientific name: Equus quagga quagga

Did you know?

- The quagga was the first extinct animal to have its DNA analyzed, making it a pioneer in the field of ancient DNA research.
- The quagga was once thought to be a separate species, but genetic studies revealed it was a subspecies of the plains zebra. Its name is derived from …

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